the programme would start working?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Indian Silk Industry is importing raw silk on a very large scale but the trend is declining. The details of raw silk imported during the last 3 years are as under:—

Year	Quantity
1994-95	5403 Tonnes
1995-96	4149 Tonnes
1996-97	2911 Tonnes

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Departments, the Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a number of schemes/projects/programmes for promoting development of all the four types of silk. These include schemes for extension of R&D. training, infrastructural & extension support to the sector through network of CSB's units & implementation of certain developmental/incentive/financial assistnace schemes for encouraging adoption of modern sericultural practices of production of quality silk, besides, the Central Silk Board has also taken up sericulture projects like World Bank assisted National Sericulture Project (covering 17 States), Action Plan for seven States of North Eastern region etc., in association/collaboration with the States. In addition 34 catalytic developmental schemes have been approved by the Government for implementation during IXth Five Year Plan.

Action Plan to assist cotton Growers in Maharashtra

875. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has made any action plan to assist the cotton growers of Maharashtra to increase per hectare yield of cotton in the State and to improve the income of cotton growers; and

(b) if so what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) No, Sir. The Cotton Corporation of India does not operate in Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

कपड़ा उद्योग की दयनीय स्थिति

876. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में कपड़ा उद्योग की दयनीय स्थिति होने के कारण इस उद्योग की 25 प्रतिशत से अधिक इकाइयों के रुग्ण होने का अनुमान है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार का इस संबंध में क्या पूर्वानुमान है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने वित्तीय संस्थानाओं द्वारा इन रुग्ण इकाइयों में निवेश की गई राशि का भी पता लगाया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो यह निवेश राशि क्या है और सरकारी क्षेत्र और गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की रुग्ण इकाइयों में किए गए निवेश का क्रमश: ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री काशीराम राणा): (क) और (ख) 30.4.1998 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार 1767 सूती/मानव-निर्मित फाइबर वस्त्र मिलें थी जिनमें से 357 मिलें औद्योगिक तथा वित्तीय बोर्ड के पास रुग्ण मिलों के रूप में पंजीकृत थीं।

(ग) इसके आंकड़े केन्द्रीय रूप से नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

(घ) उपर्युक्त (ग) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Apparel Designing Institute in Uttar Pradesh

877. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up Apparel Designing Institute has been received from the Uttar Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the status thereof; and

(c) if the proposal has not been found feasible, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (c) A proposal to set up a centre of NIFT at Lucknow has been received, which is under examination.